



**Grant  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 14  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/07/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of \$22,253 in grant renewal funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG), to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C Misdemeanor offenses and continuation of a contract with LifeWorks for transport for youth and provision of emergency shelter.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Grant funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period of August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006. A cash match of \$2,473 is required and is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total funding for the JAIBG project is \$24,726.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Police  
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Grant acceptance on January 29, 2004.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for and accept \$22,253 in renewal funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. The grant period runs from August 1, 2005 – July 31, 2006. A match of \$2,473 is required and is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Police Department.

This funding will be used to support the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) office at the Police Department. JACS is responsible for tracking juvenile class C citations and reducing the current backlog of warrants for youth with outstanding Class C citations. These violations include, but are not limited to: curfew, possession of tobacco, and petty theft. With the JABG funds, APD will amend an existing contract with LifeWorks. LifeWorks will receive youth at its South Austin location, 1221 W. Ben White Blvd, during the hours of 2 p.m. to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday after APD has processed the youth at the Youth Services office, been unable to release the youth to a responsible adult, and contacted the LifeWorks liaison to notify that a youth was on the way.

LifeWorks staff will supervise the youth until they can be released to a responsible adult; this is estimated to be approximately 50 youth per grant year. Provision of emergency shelter will be provided for those who cannot be released to a responsible adult and who voluntarily commit to shelter services. In addition, LifeWorks will coordinate two community service projects per month for youth participating in this diversion program.

The Austin Police Department is also submitting a grant under Title V to fund the remaining portions of the JACS program which include a full-time Caseworker, a part-time administrative assistant and a full-time "intake specialist." This grant addresses the Department goal *to improve the quality of life so that Austin's residents live, work and play in clean, safe neighborhoods*. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose



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of Centralized Investigations, Youth Services includes the Diversion of juvenile offenders from the criminal justice system through alternative programs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20050407-**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for \$22,253 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the renewal of the continued enforcement of juvenile Class C Misdemeanor offenses and continuation of a contract with LifeWorks for transport for youth and provision of emergency shelter, for the Austin Police Department project entitled "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for State grant renewal funds for said project, in the amount of \$22,253 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the renewal of Austin Police Department project entitled "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to provide for the applicable matching funds as required; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for public safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves the application for grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$22,253.

**ADOPTED:** April 7, 2005

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk